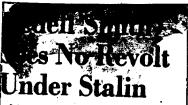
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Gen. Smith, former United States Ambassador to Russia, said yesterday the Soviet Communist system carries the seeds of its own destruction," but he doesn't think 't can be overthrown by revolution "In our lifetime."

"The Roman Empire lasted 600 years after disintegration set in." he said. "Don't hold your breath until there is a revolution against Communist rule there."

Smith, Ambassador to Russia om 1946 to 1949 and now head of the United States Central Intelligency Agency, made the statement at a press conference. He said he wanted to correct the im pression given by some vance publicity for a book's lished today for which an introduction.

The book is "Journey" for Our Time," a translation of the "Journals of the Marquis de Custine" by Phyllis Penn Kohler. She is the wife of Foy Kohler, director of the Voice of America.

In his introduction, which was billed in some quarters as a forecast of revolution in Russia, Smith seld the oppressed Russian masses will eventually revolt and demand the "right to live as a free people."

But he said it would be premature to expect a revolt during the time of Soviet Premier Josef Stalin, because the eyes of the Russian people are still not open.

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Marquis de Custine, a Frenchman

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